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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Training

ATTENTION : Chief, Language School

SUBJECT : Gale Woods - GAO - Review of Language Training
Facilities

1. As regards the proposal by Mr. Woods of GAO to visit the Agency and discuss our Language Training Program as an interest point in connection with the Government-wide study being conducted by GAO on the assessment and costs of Government language training facilities.

2. Mr. [] may on an informal basis, not in writing, invite Mr. Woods over for a visit and discussion. Mr. [] is free to discuss the basics of our Language Training Program. He should advise Mr. Woods, however, that our Language Training Program is classified and is devoted to the training and tradecraft of the Agency and any information concerning the Program is not to be incorporated as such into the GAO Report. We wish to be as cooperative as possible but the classified nature of our training does not permit any statistical or other reporting in a GAO study of our Program. On the other hand, we would be very interested in the GAO findings as a result of their study. Mr. [] is to take appropriate action as above and submit a summary report of his meeting with Mr. Woods.

SIGNED R. L. Bannerman

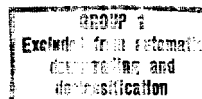
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Ref GAO and our Language School

There is an interdepartmental/agency language group which is called the Language Roundtable - members from FSI, DLI, CIA and others). At a recent meeting a representative from GAO - Gale Woods - attended in connection with a government-wide look by GAO at language training and facilities.

About 18 March Mr Woods called [redacted] to say he would like to come over and talk about what the Agency is doing about language training. He indicated that one of GAO's objectives was to assess how to get the most for the language dollar - including consideration of greater coordination and perhaps some consolidation of facilities. There was a question as to whether we would require a formal approach - perhaps in writing. This at first was thought to be handled thru an informal note indicating GAO interests but that was not pressed by our people. [redacted] are waiting for some word as to whether they can meet and if so whether they can answer question about numbers we train and dollar dimension of our language program.

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Woods is also working the same problem with FSI language people and the Defense Language Institute and other government language organizations.

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